REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 18, 2005, claims 33 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by the Tonelli et al patent (US 5,821,937), claims 35-37, 47-53, 55-60, 65 and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by the Dean et al patent (US 6,202,206), and claims 38-46, 54 and 61-64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the Dean patent in view of the Carrier et al patent (US 5,960,196). To reduce the issues under consideration, the subject matter of claim 49 has been incorporated into claim 35, the subject matter of claim 54 has been incorporated in to claim 51, and the subject matter of claim 61 has been incorporated in to claim 59. In addition, claims 38 and 41 have been rewritten in independent form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

As pointed out in Applicants' previous response, claim 33 recites a graphical user interface that includes an input interface for entering one of a host name of a device or an IP address of the device. The claimed graphical interface further includes a display screen which provides selected information associated with the device "based upon whether the input interface received a host name or an IP address." In the illustrated embodiment of the invention, exemplary Figures 9B and 9C illustrate that, if a host name is entered, a first screen 128 of information is displayed, whereas if an IP address is entered, a second screen 130 is displayed.

In response to Applicants' arguments traversing the rejection of this claim, the Office Action refers to the Length tab illustrated in Figure 45 of the Tonelli patent, and states that it is associated with the General tab depicted in Figure 43. The Action then concludes that the window of Figure 45 "is clearly associated with the

entered host name *and* IP address" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this disclosure does not anticipate, nor otherwise suggest, the subject matter of claim 33.

Specifically, claim 33 recites that selected information is provided on the display screen that is "based upon *whether* the input interface received a host name *or* an IP address" (emphasis added). In other words, the information that is displayed is dependent upon whether the user entered a host name or an IP address. The Length tab illustrated in Figure 45 of the Tonelli patent does not demonstrate this type of functionality. In particular, the patent does not disclose that the information displayed in this tab is dependent upon whether a host name or an IP address was entered. Rather, the display of the information illustrated in Figure 45 occurs in response to the user clicking upon the Length tab 438.

For at least this reason, therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Tonelli patent does not anticipate claim 33, or its dependent claim 34.

Claim 49, which has now been incorporated in to claim 35, recited that the graphical user interface includes a third interface element via which a user can establish name/value pairs for configuration of the designated operating system on the selected device. In rejecting this claim, the Office Action asserts that the Dean patent discloses this subject matter, with reference to column 9, lines 17-22. However, Applicants are unable to find any support for this assertion in the referenced portion of the patent. At column 9, lines 17-22, the patent states that, after a user has selected an entity to be modified, the user is presented with a sequence of prompt panels for selection of an operating system. It does not disclose, nor otherwise discuss, names/value pairs for the configuration of a

designated operating system. If the rejection is not withdrawn, the Examiner is requested to explain how this portion of the patent is being interpreted to disclose the subject matter of claim 49, which is now recited in claim 35.

Claim 38 recites that the graphical user interface includes a third user interface element that displays a list of versions of application software that are currently approved for loading onto a selected computing device. The Office Action acknowledges that the Dean patent does not disclose this subject matter, and thereby relies upon the Carrier patent, with specific reference to Figure 2B, and column 4, line 55 to column 5, line 11. It is respectfully submitted that the Carrier patent is directed to subject matter that is entirely distinct from that of the Dean patent, and consequently there is no motivation to combine these two patents in the manner suggested in the Office Action. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the Carrier patent does not teach the subject matter of claim 38.

The Dean patent is directed to the installation and configuration of programs onto network computers. In contrast, the Carrier patent is directed to the development and release of software programs. The objectives and concerns of the Carrier patent are entirely distinct from those of the Dean patent. As such, there is no teaching in the Carrier patent to apply any of its disclosed concepts to the system of the Dean patent.

For example, the Office Action refers to the Carrier patent at column 4, line 55 to column 5, line 11. This portion of the patent pertains to release forms 166, 168 that are submitted for a build of a software program. A configuration administrator approves, or disapproves, the release form for a given build of the program. The

approved release forms are then provided in a list, to identify source modules 160 that are to be included in that specific build of the program product.

These techniques for handling release forms for a given build of a program do not relate to the installation of software on network computers. Rather, they are directed to the initial *development* of the program. In essence, the release forms designate the particular modules that go into that build of the program. They are not employed after the program is finalized and installed on network computers.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that there is no motivation to apply any of the teachings of the Carrier patent to the software installation system of the Dean patent, because they are directed to such different objectives. Furthermore, even if the disclosures of the two patents could somehow be combined, the result would not be the same as the presently claimed subject matter.

For instance, claim 38 recites a graphical user interface having a user interface element that displays a list of versions of application software that are approved for loading onto a selected computing device. The Carrier patent does not relate to a graphical user interface. Rather, it discloses that approved release forms are provided in a list "which is used to tag or label all source modules 160 stored in a database 18 that are to be included in build 170," (column 5, lines 5-7). There is no disclosure of this list in the context of a user interface element. Nor does that list display versions of *application* software that is approved for loading onto a selected computing device. Rather, the list is used to identify the individual source modules that will go into a given build of a product. In other words, the information contained in the list of the Carrier patent is not the same as the *user interface element* recited in claim 38.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Carrier patent does not suggest the subject matter of claim 38 to a person of ordinary skill in the art, even when considered in conjunction with the Dean patent. For similar reasons, claim 41 is likewise patentable over the disclosure of these patents. Claim 41 recites that the graphical user interface includes a third user interface element that displays a list of versions of application data that are approved for loading into the selected computing device. Similar to the list of versions of application software recited in claim 38, this subject matter is neither disclosed, nor otherwise suggested, by the Carrier patent.

Claim 54, which has now been incorporated into claim 51, recited that the second user interface element is responsive to actuation of a component thereof to display deprecated versions of operating systems. The Office Action acknowledges that this claimed subject matter is not disclosed in either of the Dean or Carrier patents, but asserts that it would have been obvious to include deprecated versions of operating systems in place of deprecated versions of application software. With reference to the deprecated versions of application software, the Office Action refers to elements 126 and 128 shown in Figure 2B of the Carrier patent. These blocks relate to release forms that were not approved for a build of the program, and which may be deferred for a later build. The patent does not disclose a user interface element that includes a component that can be actuated by a user to cause these deferred release forms to be displayed. Rather, it merely discloses that they may be stored for later use. As discussed previously, the Carrier patent does not relate to a user interface, and therefore cannot be interpreted to suggest the subject matter of claim 51, as amended.
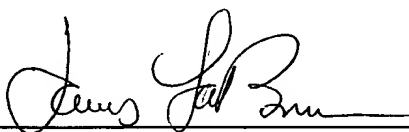
Claim 59 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 61, which recited that the second user interface element displays a list of versions of application software that are currently approved for loading onto the selected computing device. For the same reasons given previously with respect to claim 38, the subject matter of this claim is not suggested by the Carrier patent, even if it is considered in conjunction with the Dean patent.

For the reasons presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are patentably distinct from the Dean patent, whether considered by itself or in combination with Carrier patent. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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